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SUBJECT: UPBEAT MOOD MARKS 200-MILE EXTENSION

1. TODAY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ICELAND'S 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT IS BEING UNANIMOUSLY HAILED BY GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERS, PRESS, AND PUBLIC AT LARGE. TONE OF COMMENTS IS ONE OF JUBILATION TEMPERED BY ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS STEMMING FROM EXTENSION REMAIN UNRESOLVED.

2. PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, IN STATEMENT FOR OCCASION, CALLED EXTENSION FINAL STEP IN HISTORY OF ICELAND'S EXPANSION OF FISHING LIMITS. HOWEVER, HE SAID, ULTIMATE GOAL WILL ONLY BE REACHED WHEN CLAIM TO 200-MILE ZONE IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED. ICELAND IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE FOR SUCH RECOGNITION BUT, SAID PM, "WE WILL
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NOT MAKE ANY AGREEMENT THAT IS NOT FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR

INTERESTS," AND IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, "WE WILL FIGHT TO VICTORY."

3. ALL OCTOBER 15 PAPERS EDITORIALY PRAISED EXTENSION AND MOST CARRY SPECIAL FEATURES, INTERVIEWS, ETC. MASS-CIRCULATION MORGUNBLADID CONTAINS 24-PAGE SUPPLEMENT ON FISHERIES WHICH DEVOTES SEVERAL PAGES TO PREVIOUS COD WARS WITH UK,

4. IN SHORT, COUNTRY OVERWHELMINGLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY BACKS NEW LIMITS; IS AWARE OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS AHEAD, BUT DETERMINED TO WEATHER THEM, AND CONFIDENT THAT ICELAND WILL EMERGE WITH ITS ECONOMIC FUTURE ENHANCED.
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